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## UNIONIST RECEPTION.

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Londonderry House last evening was once more the fitting setting, as it has so often been, for a large and brilliant assemblage of Conservatives and Unionists on the eve of the opening of Parliament. Daffodils, mimosa, tulips, and other spring flowers were effectively placed in large alabaster jardinières on the fine stairway. On the buffet in the large dining hall, where many racing trophies were displayed, the flowers were arranged in smaller receptacles, as they were in the picture gallery, in the ball-room, and in the other reception-rooms on the first floor. The Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry stood at the top of the left branch of the stairway, with the Prime Minister, receiving the guests. Lady [Londonderry was looking extremely well in a dress of dull gold, brocaded florally in a bold Queen Anne design, and having a low, round-cut bodice. There were short, puffed sleeves of beautiful old lace, and the bodice was straight and tight, as in the picturesque style seen in the pictures of the Empress Eugénie and the ladies of her court. The skirt was slit at either side, showing a petticoat of old lace. A high all-round crown-shaped tiara of diamonds was worn, and the corsage ornaments were of similar precious stones. Necklets of diamonds, falling in graduated lengths, and long diamond earrings were worn, and clusters

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The ascent of the wide stairway was a matter of patience once Lady Londonderry had begun to receive, and many of the official guests came up by the lift and entered through the drawing rooms. The family dianig-room, in which are fine portraits as a ladies' cloak room. The Duchess of Aberoorn, who was in black with some gold embroidery, was wearing a diamond tiara and ornaments. Neur Lady Londonderry, who carried an ostrich feather fan of soft-blue with a similar and contaments of the content of the work of the content of the conten

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